

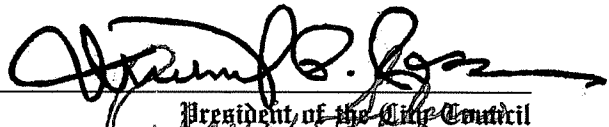
# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

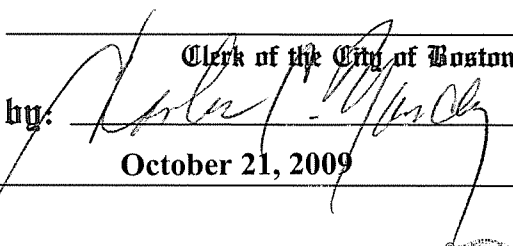
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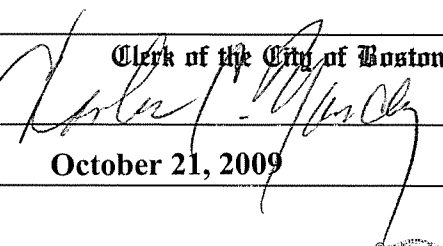
## **Aretha Louise Franklin: The Queen of Soul**

- WHEREAS:** Aretha Franklin was born on March 25, 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee; and
- WHEREAS:** Franklin, the daughter of gospel singer and clergyman, Reverend C.L. Franklin, made her first gospel recording when she was just 14 years old; and
- WHEREAS:** Franklin worked with famed record producer Jerry Wexler; and
- WHEREAS:** Franklin topped Billboard's R&B Singles Chart 20 times and proceeded to take home Grammys every year between 1969 and 1975; and
- WHEREAS:** Franklin performed during the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter in 1977, providing an a capella rendition of God Bless America. She later sang during the inaugurations of President Bill Clinton in 1993 and 1997; and
- WHEREAS:** Franklin has won 18 Grammy awards, including the 1995 lifetime achievement award; an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Bethune-Cookman College in 1974; an American Music Award in 1984; Ebony Magazine's American Black Achievement Award in 1984; declared a "natural resource" in her home state of Michigan in 1985; the first woman inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987; named one of the greatest entertainers of the twentieth century by Entertainment Weekly magazine in 1999; Black Entertainment Television's Walk of Fame Award in 2003; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Aretha Louise Franklin for over 50 years of creating magnificent music; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares Saturday, October 17, 2009 as the Aretha Louise Franklin Day in the City of Boston.



By:   
President of the City Council

Attest:   
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: October 21, 2009